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NEWS RELEASE

EPFD responds to Condition 2 Fire

Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 1756 Dean Jones Dr.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 3:10 p.m. on Monday Feb. 23, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 2 fire on 1756 Dean Jones Dr. when neighbors saw smoke and called 911. Upon arriving on the scene at 3:13 p.m., crews found heavy smoke coming from the backyard balcony. After a preliminary search, the house was determined to be empty and crews began to attack the fire.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 3:21 p.m. and contain it to approximately 20% of the house, estimated at \$20,000 of damage. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

There were no injuries to residents or fire personnel. A total of 10 units and 28 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, Texas Gas Service and El Paso Electric assisted in the incident.

Units on the scene reported the house had working smoke alarms. The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public about their FREE Smoke Detector Program. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

Residents who do not have a smoke detector who live within the city limits of El Paso, own their home and are willing to let the El Paso Fire Department make the installation, can request a FREE smoke detector by calling 485-5699 or by visiting www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department.

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